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**LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 29, 2002

Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file, the undersigned has noted that the appropriate initialed Forms PTO-1449 in response to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on April 12, 2000 and December 6, 2000 have not been received by Applicant. Copies of the Forms PTO-1449 are attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant also notes that the Examiner indicated one (1) document missing from the December 6, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement (CN 348921). Another copy of this document is enclosed and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge consideration of this document. US Patent No. 5,556,089 is an English language patent family member of CN348921 and is provided as the concise explanation of the relevance of CN348921. A copy of the Taiwanese Patent Office Action in which CN348921 was cited is also enclosed.

The Examiner is therefore requested to return copies of the initialed Forms PTO-1449 to the undersigned as soon as possible.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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